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SUBJECT: CSCE: BONN GROUP DISCUSSION OF RESERVATION  
ON FOUR POWER RIGHTS

REF: STATE 124263

1. AT BONN GROUP DISCUSSION JUNE 26, US REP DREW ON  
REFTEL TO EXPLAIN DEPARTMENT' S STRONG DESIRE TO HAVE A  
SENTENCE IN THE OPENING US STATEMENT OR CIRCULATED AT  
SOME OTHER APPROPRIATE TIME DURING STAGE II OF THE CSCE  
WHICH MADE CLEAR THE OUTCOME OF THE CONFERENCE WOULD IN  
NO WAY AFFECT FOUR POWER RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES  
WITH REGARD TO BERLIN AND GERMANY AS A WHOLE. HE NOTED  
THAT US EMBASSIES IN PARIS AND IN LONDON WOULD ALSO BE  
APPROACHING THE FOREIGN OFFICES TO PRESS THE DEPARTMENT' S  
VIEWPOINT. HE MADE CLEAR THAT THE US SIDE WOULD ALSO  
WELCOME AN ASSOCIATING STATEMENT FROM THE BRITISH AND  
FRENCH AT THE CSCE.

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2. THE BRITISH AND FRENCH REPS UNDERTOOK TO REPORT THE DEPARTMENT'S POSITION ALONG WITH THE PROPOSED WORDING ( PARA 3 REFTEL). THE FRENCH REP ASKED WHETHER THE US SIDE WOULD BE MAKING FURTHER DISCLAIMERS DURING THE COURSE OF THE CSCE. US REP SAID THAT HE WAS WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS POINT, BUT CONSIDERED PERSONALLY THAT THERE PROBABLY WOULD BE NO NEED FOR FURTHER STATEMENTS BEYOND THE ONE WE WERE NOW PROPOSING. THE FRENCH REP SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO HEAR THIS FOR THE QUAI DID NOT WISH TO HAVE A SERIES OF DISCLAIMERS ON GERMANY APPEARING THROUGHOUT THE CSCE NEGOTIATIONS.

3. THE GERMAN REP ( BLECH) SAID THAT HE PERSONALLY SAW NOTHING WRONG WITH THE US PROPOSAL, BUT WOULD HAVE THE FOREIGN OFFICE LAWYERS STUDY IT. HE CALLED SUBSEQUENTLY ON JUNE 27 TO SAY THAT THE GERMAN SIDE HAD NO RPT NO OBJECTION TO THE US MAKING USE OF THE PROPOSED LANGUAGE, ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE US SIDE WOULD NOT GO BEYOND THAT LANGUAGE AND REFER TO ANY LIMITATION OF GDR SOVEREIGNTY. US REP ASSURED BLECH THAT THE INTENTION WAS TO USE ONLY THE SENTENCE WHICH HAD BEEN DISCUSSED THE PREVIOUS DAY AND NOT TO ELABORATE ON IT. US REP SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED UK AND FRENCH REPS OF THE POSITIVE GERMAN POSITION, AND THEY UNDERTOOK TO REPORT THIS IMMEDIATELY TO PARIS AND LONDON.

4. IN DISCUSSING HOW THE BRITISH AND FRENCH MIGHT ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES WITH THE US STATEMENT, IT WAS POINTED OUT AT THE BONN GROUP THAT THE UK FOREIGN MINISTER IS REPORTEDLY SCHEDULED TO SPEAK FIRST AT THE CSCE FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE. THE BRITISH REP NOTED THAT IF THE UK WERE TO GO ALONG WITH THE US PROPOSAL IT MIGHT THEN BE BETTER TO HAVE THE SENTENCE INCLUDED IN THE STATEMENTS OF ALL THREE ALLIED MINISTERS. HE NOTED THAT THE SENTENCE WAS SO SHORT THAT SUCH AN INSERTION WOULD APPEAR TO POSE NO SERIOUS PROBLEM. FRENCH REP TOOK NOTE OF THIS REMARK BUT DID NOT COMMENT ON IT.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZE EMBASSIES PARIS AND LONDON TO MAKE A FURTHER CONFIDENTIAL

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APPROACH TO THE RESPECTIVE FOREIGN OFFICES TO INFORM THEM OF THE GERMAN POSITION AND TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE UK AND FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTERS PROPOSE TO INCLUDE THE SAME SENTENCE IN THEIR STATEMENTS AT THE CSCE.  
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